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1. AT JANUARY 28 MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND VISITING PERUVIAN DESK OFFICER, SENIOR PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS CAREFULLY MADE THE POINT THAT THE GOP WOULD BE FORCED TO REACT IF U.S. TUNA BOATS APPEAR IN "PERUVIAN" WATERS IN SUCH NUMBERS AND FOR SUCH DURATION AS WOULD CONSTITUTE "TAUNTING" THE GOP. THEY SAID THEY HOPED THAT THE USG WOULD SO INFORM U.S. TUNA FLEET SKIPPERS.

2. FONMIN OFFICIALS IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT A NOMINAL, BRIEF PRESENCE MIGHT BE IGNORED (A FEW VESSELS STRAYING OVER CLAIMED BOUNDARY FOR BRIEF PERIODS OF TIME), AS PERUVIAN NAVY "CLEARLY CANNOT PATROL ALL WATERS ALL THE TIME." THEY REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN ON PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH GOP WOULD TOLERATE, BUT THEY REPEATEDLY MADE THE POINT THAT GOP WOULD LIKE TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH THE U.S. ON TUNA BOAT SEIZURES AT THIS

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TIME. AS DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT FOLLOWED A GENERAL

DISCUSSION OF MILITARY SALES MATTERS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT
SALES IMPLICATIONS WERE UNDERSTOOD BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. FONMIN OFFICIALS TOOK PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THERE
ARE POLITICAL LIMITATIONS BEYOND WHICH THE GOP CANNOT
STRAY AND THAT A MAJOR PRESENCE OF THE U.S. TUNA FISHING
FLEET IN PERUVIAN WATERS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ACTION WHICH
WOULD COMPLE A PERUVIAN RESPONSE.

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